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Knockers.

The question often arises, "What is a knocker?" and not long ago one of our citizens was heard to ask, "Who are the knockers in Elgin?" The writer has heard some people call one citizen a knocker and others have called some one else a knocker. So let us get down to an analysis of the term and find out who the knockers are.

First we should say a knocker is one who says or does anything to the detriment or injury of his home town. Some do their knocking by talking and others do their knocking by acting.

Expounders of scripture teach that there are sins of commission and sins of omission. When a man does a bad act, that is a sin of commission; when he refuses or fails to do what he knows is his Christian duty, that is a sin of omission.

Likewise it may be said that there are knockers of commission and knockers of omission. Or one of commission might be called an active knocker and one of omission an inactive knocker.

When a man goes about talking against his home town, he is an active knocker; when he goes away from his home town, to do his trading or transact other business, he is an inactive knocker. Both are of equal injury to their home town.

The good book says, "Judge not that ye be not judged" and for this reason we refrain from mentioning any names. But let no persons be guilty of calling other people knockers unless they know positively that they are saying or doing nothing to injure their town.

We said two weeks ago our aim would be to boost Elgin and we believe a better name for this paper would be the "ELGIN CHAMPION."

War Talk.

Some people seem to think the first thing the United States should do when a controversy comes up with another nation is to have war, regardless of the fact that this nation has done so much to bring about the settlement of all international questions without going to war.

At this time people say that Uncle Sam should jump in and whip Mexico, but do not consider the loss of life and property, and the expense, and what our nation would have on its hands after it had Mexico whipped.

A London daily had the situation sized up about right when it said that it would take the United States three years to whip Mexico and then would have Mexico to govern and control after the war was over.

The head men of this nation have acted wisely by keeping a cool head and going slow, giving Mexico time to adjust her own difficulties. This nation acquired the Philippines at the close of a war but most people realize that it was a dear price paid and this nation would now be better off without them.

A man over at Comanche committed suicide last week after a quarrel with his wife. He was only 23 years old which must account for his lack of nerve to face the music.

MISSIVES FROM MISTLETOE

Lee Carter marketed a bale of cotton at Elgin Saturday.

Vic Sparlin and wife spent Sunday with Tom Sperling.

Smoot's girl, upon examination, proved to be a boy—our error and Smoot's treat.

C. A. Sperling and family went to Lawton Saturday and returned home Monday.

Bill, Herman and Claud Bentley went to Lawton Saturday where they marketed oats.

Mr. and Mrs. Townley from near Marlow visited Tom Sperling and family over Sunday.

Edgar Bernard and family spent a few days with his sister and folks, Mrs. C. A. Sperling this week.

Clake Sperling and family from east of Rush Springs made an extended visit among relatives here recently.

Sam Montgomery went to Elgin Sunday to meet his daughter Emmogene, who has been visiting her brother at Shawnee the past month.

Millard Richardson who was operated on for appendicitis last week at Oklahoma City is convalescing rapidly and expects to come home in a short time.

C. M. Martin is delivering his books through here and is doing great good by putting a bible in almost every home in the community. He leaves Friday for Baylor University.

This community was thrown into a state of great excitement and surprise last Sunday when Charlie Cox led Miss Sarah Ford to the Hymeneal Altar and proceeded to hop the conjugal twig. Bro. Shockley officiating at the auspicious occasion.

The protracted meeting came

County News.

Senatos Gore has let a contract for \$1100 to have his home in Lawton remodeled.

At the opening of the Cameron school at Lawton last week 100 students were enrolled.

Two men were busy passing bad checks on Lawton merchants the day Barnes Circus was there.

A protracted meeting will begin in the Baptist church at Sterling Saturday evening of this week.

Two Indians had a fight near the ice plant in Lawton late Saturday night but were soon arrested and fined.

The Fort Sill band and three batteries of field artillery will be in Oklahoma City during the state fair at the request of Gov. Crouce.

While hauling baled hay twelve miles south east of Lawton Tuesday J. S. McGowen had his left arm broken in two places in a runaway.

Early Sunday fire was discovered in some goods boxes in the rear of Condons store in Lawton but was soon put out. A big fire was narrowly averted.

Two soldiers from Fort Sill and three citizens of Indianola had a free-for-all melee in a resort at Lawton Saturday night and gave bond for their appearance.

The board of county commissioners report that there are no funds available to make a county exhibit at the State Fair or at the international exhibit at Tulsa.

Earl Vaughn, a 16-year old boy, was arrested on a charge of stealing a bicycle which he offered to sell for \$3. The wheel was identified and returned to its owner.

Attorneys for defendants in bootlegging cases before county court this week have done all they can to prevent members of the Law and Order League from serving on juries.

Rev. Jas. E. Pershing, pastor

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to a close Monday night Sept. 1, with a large crowd present, and good interest. Six conversions were the visible results among the sinners, with a spiritual and moral uplift among the Christian people. Everybody praises Bro. Wasson for his gospel preaching, and earnest soul touching appeals to the unsaved of the community. Everything considered it was the greatest revival of any sort this community has ever experienced, and Bro. Wasson assures us that he will be with us for another series of meetings next summer with more time to devote to the great work to be done here.

SHORTY.

Dates.

Sterling Fair, Sept. 10-12.
Rush Springs Carnival, Sept. 8-13.
47th Nat. Enc. G. A. R. Chattanooga, Tenn. Sept. 15-20.
Revival meeting Elgin M. E. church begins Sept. 21.
County Fair, Anadarko, Sept. 15-17.
State Fair, Oklahoma City, Sept. 23-Oct. 4.
Elgin schools open Oct. 6.
Apache Street Fair and Carnival, Oct. 8-11.
Peanut Carnival, Duncan, Oct. 16-18.
Ringling Bros. Circus, Lawton, Oct. 17.
International Dry Farming Congress, Tulsa, Oct. 27-31.

of the Congregational church at Lawton and master of the boy scouts, has moved to Oklahoma City to be pastor of the Congregational church there.

Lottie Turner, a Lawton woman, was fined \$500 and sentenced to 90 days in the county jail in county court Tuesday on a charge of having an unlawful supply of liquor in her possession.

F. A. Parkinson has resigned as postmaster at Lawton, same to take effect Oct. 1, after which he will be actively engaged in the banking business in the Lawton National bank. It is reported that Sen. Gore favors Robert Landers as his successor.

Church Services

METHODIST
Preaching morning and night fourth and every fifth Sunday in the month. Sunday school every Sunday at 10:00 a. m.

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—U. S. Bureau of Plant Industry Circular 24.

Raw Materials of Oklahoma.

No paint is manufactured in Oklahoma. But Oklahoma furnishes raw materials for the making of paint in eastern factories. An Oklahoma City man purchased 20,000 barrels of Oklahoma crude oil to be shipped to a paint factory of New York. The freight paid on the oil was 49 cents a hundred, or about \$2 a barrel, which was more than the value of the raw material.

Keep Up the Good Work.

It now appears that Wagoner county will be the first to organize a county agricultural association as an auxiliary to the state organization, following the recent big agricultural meeting in Muskogee. Other counties will fall in line, and before another three months has passed it is expected there will be a dozen or more such county organizations.

Bankers Boosting Kafir

Many of the banks over the state are helping the farmers in their sections by furnishing them with good kafir corn seed, thus showing their progressiveness in helping the farmer to help himself, and in so doing help the entire community and state.

Trained 700 Horses

Seven hundred young horses purchased in Oklahoma, Wyoming and Texas, are being trained at Fort Reno for the United States cavalry by Captains Valentine and Pratt, and 85 men.

Elgin Buyers paid 13 cents for cotton Wednesday.

Railroad Time Table



EAST BOUND
No. 408 leaves..... 6:58 a. m.
No. 10 leaves..... 11:10 a. m.
WEST BOUND
No. 9 leaves..... 1:53 p. m.
No. 407 leaves..... 9:15 p. m.

Bridge Work.

Ed Harper, agent for the Midland Bridge Co., of Kansas City, was in Elgin Monday morning, coming up from Lawton, where he had been in consultation with the board of county commissioners relative to some bridge work which the company has contracted for west of Elgin. Mr. Harper took the company's tools out of the depot here Monday and says they will have two or three months work near here.

This company is putting in a steel bridge over Chandler creek on the Meridian line road between Anadarko and Lawton. The material is being unloaded at Richards.

Moffitt Bound Over.

J. W. Moffitt of Lawton, who shot and killed Chas. E. Lewis of Collinsville, had his preliminary hearing last Friday. He pleaded not guilty to the charge but was bound over to the district court.

Eye witnesses to the shooting testified that Lewis abused Moffitt and reached for a gun under the counter in the hotel when Moffitt shot him. Moffitt purchased the gun during the afternoon and stated to the clerk that he was going to ask the officers once more for protection and if he did not get it he was going to protect himself.

Cyril Depot Robbed.

Deputy Sheriff Vic Sparlin was in town Monday evening and reported the robbery of the depot at Cyril Monday noon, while he was there. The agent was at dinner and some one broke in and secured \$18 or \$20 which he left in the money drawer. No clue has been discovered.

State Poultry show, Enid, Jan. 26-31.

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